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CORN HARVEST OVER 50 PERCENT COMPLETE

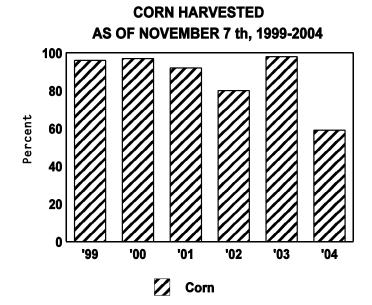
Due to the amount of soil moisture in fields, producers are finding it difficult to complete corn and sunflower harvest, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Over half of the corn in Minnesota has been harvested. Moisture content continues to remain at high levels across the state which is also delaying harvesting. Some areas of the state need a hard freeze to help reduce moisture.

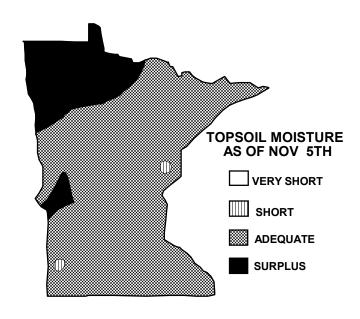
The average temperature for the week was 41.4 degrees, 5.6 degrees above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of November 5th were rated Sunflowers 3% short, 70% adequate, and 27% surplus.

Corn harvest was 59% complete compared to 98% last year and 92% for the five year average. Soybeans were 95% harvested compared to 99% last year and 98% for the five year average.

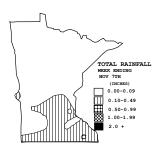
Sunflowers are 42% havested compared to 88% for the five year average.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork : 3.9											
		Very Short	Short	Ade- quate	Sur- plus						
Topsoil Moisture (%)		0	3	70	27						
	Crop Progress a	s of Novem	ber 7, 200	4							
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg						
	Percent										
Corn	Harvested	59	45	98	92						
	Moisture Conten	t 22	23	4	15						
Soybeans	Harvested	95	93	99	98						
Sugarbeets	Harvested	99	98	99	99						
Sunflowers	Harvested	42	35	99	88						
Crop Condition as of November 5 in Percent											
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc						
Pasture	2	8	31	53	6						
Sunflowers	6	22	53	19	0						





PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 7, 2004: Temperatures averaged from 8.2 degrees above normal in the North Central District to 3.6 degrees above normal in the Southeast District. Extremes: 74° in Mankato; 18° in Browns Valley. Precipitation averaged from 0.46 inch below normal in the Northeast and East Central District to 0.27 inches below normal in the Southeast District. Greatest weekly total was 0.53 inches.



Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 11/1/2004 through 11/7/2004

		Temperature		Precipitation						
	High	Low	Week	Depart	Week	Depart From N		n Norm		
			Ave	from	Total	Past	Four	Since		
				Norm		Week	Weeks	4/1		
NW DIST 1										
Crookston	56	29	40.1	7.6	0	30	1.69	8.35		
Moorhead	60	28	41.9	7.9	0	33	1.90	4.23		
Warroad	55	25	39.3	8.0	.02	30	1.25	8.88		
NC DIST 2										
Grand Rapids	M	M	М	М	М	M	М	М		
Intl. Falls	54	25	38.3	7.0	.06	30	1.94	3.81		
Itasca	M	M	М	M	M	М	М	M		
NE DIST 3										
Duluth	59	27	40.5	6.4	.07	46	. 92	-2.69		
Grand Marais	50	30	40.7	3.8	0	49	1.83	-1.16		
Hibbing	57	22	37.5	5.5	.01	39	48	-6.17		
WC DIST 4	٥.		5	0.0				0.1.		
Alexandria	62	26	41.0	6.3	.06	32	74	.00		
Browns Valley	68	18	39.8	3.4	.10	. 32 M		. оо м		
-	73	_	44.7	6.1		37	.78	м 4.78		
Canby		29			.08	36				
Fergus Falls	61	29	40.3	5.9	0		1.15	9.86		
Montevideo	69	29	43.2	6.5	.10	30				
Morris	63	30	40.9	5.4	.08	31	99	3.31		
CENT DIST 5										
Becker	65	30	43.6	8.3	.11	38	.54	7.18		
Hutchinson	65	30	43.2	5.9	.10	34	.53	5.51		
Olivia	71	28	43.0	6.4	.10	28	.59	5.22		
St. Cloud	63	26	40.8	5.6	.20	23	.78	3.15		
Staples	59	29	40.4	6.7	.06	40	43	4.83		
Willmar	63	31	43.2	7.0	.10	33	1.92	6.12		
EC DIST 6										
Aitkin	58	32	42.0	7.5	0	50	.18	-3.48		
Forest Lake	66	32	44.8	5.6	.04	49	1.38	95		
MSP Airport	67	32	44.0	5.3	.09	40	34	-1.01		
St. Paul - UofM	1 65	32	45.3	5.1	.11	44	1.00	.33		
SW DIST 7										
Lamberton	72	28	44.0	6.4	.01	38	-1.32	4.97		
Pipestone	70	26	42.0	5.7	.02		-1.68	2.79		
Redwood Falls	72	29	43.0	4.3	.03	39	72	7.37		
Worthington	70	30	43.8	7.4	.12		-1.18			
SC DIST 8		50	10.0	, . <u>-</u>	•			0.05		
Faribault	70	28	41.7	3.4	07	- 44	85	6.47		
Mankato	74	29	44.2		.12		-1.56			
Waseca	7 <u>4</u> 72	27	42.6		.05		-1.65			
Winnebago	73	29	44.6	6.4	.16	34	-1.73	8.68		
SE DIST 9			44 0			0.1		0.05		
Preston	69	23	41.0	2.4	.53	.01	20			
Red Wing	70	28	43.3		.02	44				
Rochester	70	26	41.0		. 30	20		9.21		
Rosemount	69	26	41.8		.12			. 38		
Winona	71	32	44.7	2.7	.23	30	.05	9.20		
m=some data missing										

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